

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0034] An articulated slip for a slip ram includes a plurality of articulated linked segments, attached to vertical pins or axles which are parallel to the axis of a coiled tubing, for rotatable movement of the linked segments. The articulated linked segments are concave for abutting contact with a tubular through the slip ram. The pins are mounted to a slip ram, which comprises a piston within a cylinder, in the conventional manner for a blowout preventer (BOP) ram. When the slip ram is actuated, the ram moves forward, wrapping the articulated elements around coiled tubing in a gripping motion, much like the fingers of a human hand.